



Summer 2023 - Friends of Jesus

16th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Textiles at St Mary's offers children the opportunity to explore a variety of skills and gain knowledge of a number of different techniques related to designing and construction, fabric, decorative techniques and sewing and stitching. The pupils at St Mary's are offered fantastic opportunities to explore every aspect of textile design due the nature of the schemes of work on offer.

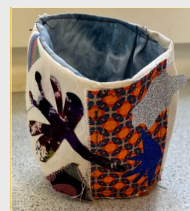
Examples of the work produced throughout the years is:

Year 5 started their textiles rotation with a mini 4 week project looking at fibres and fabric construction including hand felting, weaving and hand embroidery. In their second project Year 5 designed and made their own worry monster. They used applique, hand stitching and braiding to add detail to their designs. For most of the students this was also their first time using a sewing machine, which they all enjoyed.



Year 6 pupils produced Koi Carp streamers, inspired by the Japanese tradition. They used ripstop nylon which is used for parachutes and sails. They used applique to add detail to their fish. The colours they produced and the wonderful shapes and characters of these fish were enormously successful and I was very impressed by the work.

The second project was to create pots from fabric. Pupils learnt so many skills here - including collograph printing, ink transfer, sublimation printing, t-shirt vinyl use, applique, machine embroidery and more complex machine use. Beautiful work produced by all!



Year 7 were tasked with producing a Jon Burgerman inspired print which was transferred to fabric. This was then turned into a small pouch using a number of machining skills and techniques, including adding a loop and having a lined bag with a fastening.



The St Mary's School Association is looking for a new committee from September. If you think you would be interested in the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer position or would like to find about more about what it involves please contact us by email as below.... schoolassociation@stmaryscemiddle.uk or call the current Chair, Chrissy Hancock on 07841 291352.

Unfortunately, without a new committee the School Association will no longer be able to continue which would mean a huge loss of financial support to the school and its families.

*Sports Day 2023
Thursday 29th June!*



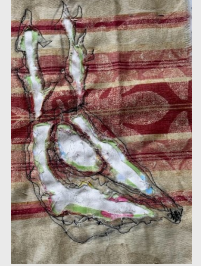
ATHLETICS EVENTS TIMETABLE

	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
9:00-9:30	THROWS & JUMPS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS
9:30-10:00	NORMAL LESSONS	THROWS & JUMPS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS
10:00-10:30	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	THROWS & JUMPS	NORMAL LESSONS
10:30-11:00	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	THROWS & JUMPS
11:00-11:15	BREAK TIME	BREAK TIME	BREAK TIME	BREAK TIME
11:15-12:00	75M, 150M & HURDLES	75M, 150M & HURDLES	100M, 200M & HURDLES	100M, 200M & HURDLES
12:00-13:05	400M & 800M	400M & 800M	400M & 800M	400M & 800M
13:05-14:15	LUNCH & REGISTRATION	LUNCH & REGISTRATION	LUNCH & REGISTRATION	LUNCH & REGISTRATION
14:15-15:10	MIXED RELAY	MIXED RELAY	MIXED RELAY	MIXED RELAY



The second project undertaken by Year 7 was to produce drawstring bags. The children had to tie dye fabric to use for the front of their bags, then add designs using applique and machine embroidery, adding loops and finally the cord. I would love to own one of these! Great work by all!

Year 8's initial 4 week project was to explore textile art. Pupils had to create a landscape or image using layers of fabric. They learnt the skill of reverse applique and machine embroidery to add details to their work. This was a new project for Year 8 and they produced some excellent results.



Finally, Year 8 produced cases - they create sublimation prints and ink transfer fabrics in order to create their cases. They were also required to insert a zip into the case. A new skill! Many embellished their work with machine embroidery and applique.

The pupils designed every aspect of the case themselves, including zip placement. Fantastic work and it is great to see them in use around the school.



Have a great weekend!

Miss S Armstrong

SIAMS Report 2023

As you may recall, we recently were visited by SIAMS and attach a copy of their report for St Mary's. We are extremely pleased with the outcome, after a very rigorous inspection over two days.

The first key finding is that 'The Christian vision is at the heart of the school.'

This means so much to us as a community. Learning starts from values and they should underpin all that we do. While within the school there are a wide variety of beliefs, values are common to them all and indeed the school must be a place whose values are accessible to all.

Contributions to the school's values and how they are included in its life come from staff, pupils, parents, governors and our chaplains. We are very grateful to them all in the lead up to the inspection and during the process itself.

As a VA (Voluntary Assisted) Church of England school, there was a specific and very thorough subject review in RE (in Ofsted parlance a 'deep dive')

We would like to thank Miss Goy for her tremendous work in the subject - she has developed the subject to include practical activities (eg. the bird boxes, in the environment unit) and links to other organisations (eg. The Archbishop of York awards scheme). RE truly is 'led by a leader with a passion for the subject'.

The aim now is to both maintain what has already been established and work on the areas for development.



Dates for your diary for the rest of the Summer Term...

June

Saturday 17th June
Dorset Fest 23 @ Warren Farm

Monday 19th June
Yr 7 Rivers Trip to Wareham
(7MA & 7MIB)

Tuesday 20th June
Yr 7 Rivers Trip to Wareham
(7AW & 7BG)
Yr 8 Visit to Bournemouth University

Thursday 22nd June
KS3 Midnight Summers Dream visit by
Handlebards

Friday 23rd June
Informal Music Concert

Monday 26th June
Yr 8 HPV Immunisations

Tuesday 27th June
Yr 5 Tolpuddle Martyrs Trip
(Small Group)

Wednesday 28th June
Worship Group—Mini-Fete

Thursday 29th June
Sports Day

Friday 30th June
Ice Lolly Sale



July

Saturday 1st July
Concert @ Lighthouse, Poole

Monday 3rd July
Year 5 Production
Year 8 Farm Trip (8EH)

Tuesday 4th July
Year 8 Farm Trip (8OC)

Wednesday 5th July
Year 8 Farm Trip (8OR)

Thursday 6th July
Transfer Day

Friday 7th July
Year 8 Farm Trip (8OB)

Wednesday 12th July
Year 8 In-School Activities

Thursday 13th July
Year 8 Trip to Thorpe Park

Friday 14th July
Year 8 Trip to Splashdown

Tuesday 18th July
Leavers Assembly & YLA Awards

Wednesday 19th July
Year 8 Leavers Party

Wednesday 20th July
Year 7 Trip to Science Centre,
Winchester

Friday 21st July
End of the Summer Term,
Happy Summer Holidays!



Term dates for the next Academic year (2023 - 2024)

Autumn Term

1st September 2023 - INSET DAY

4th September 2023 - First day of school
Year 5 in School

5th September 2023
ALL Pupils in school

20th October 2023 - End of half -term for
pupils

30 October 2023 - INSET DAY

31st October 2023 - Start of 2nd half-term for
pupils

15th December 2023 - End of autumn term

Spring Term

2nd January 2024 - Start of spring term
8th February 2024 - End of half-term for
pupils

9th February 2024 - INSET DAY

19th February 2024 - Start of 2nd spring
half -term

28th March 2024 - End of spring term

Summer Term

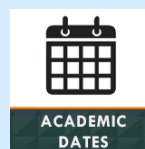
15th April 2024 - Start of summer term

6th May 2024 - Mayday bank holiday

24th May 2024 - End of half-term

3rd June 2024 - Start of 2nd summer
half-term

19th July 2024 - End of summer term for
pupils



The pupils who have done exceptionally well.....

Year 5

Phoenix H—5YD

Tyler P—5AL

Honey A—5FM

Oscar H—5FM

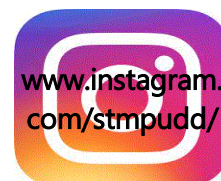
Year 6

Emelia Rose C—6WE



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